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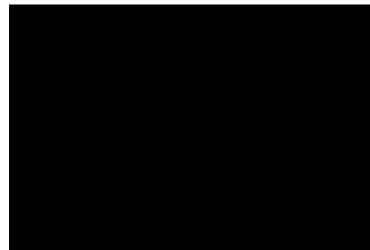
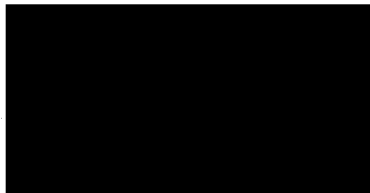
TRAINING OFFICERS MEETING

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17 Dec 53

Attendance:

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Opening Remarks:

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- a. At the request of the Director of Training [REDACTED] suggested that the Chairman of the Clandestine Services Training Committee acquire a copy of DD/P's report on his recent visit to SAC Hq, Omaha, Nebraska, and review with particular attention his remarks concerning the SAC survival training program.
- b. The request recently made by DD/CI for a survey as to the adequacy of training received by personnel who had departed for overseas during the month of October was definitely not instigated by the Director of Training.
- c. On a recent return visit by a senior representative from the Far East it was stated that all operations officers sent to his area will be required to have a proficiency in typing. The Office of Training is prepared to assist the Clandestine Services in meeting this request by making it mandatory that all reports prepared in the formal courses of instruction be prepared in typewritten form by the students, and by providing professional guidance in typing methods as well as facilities for practice typing if required. This was discussed at some length by representatives of the Clandestine Services and it was decided that they did not wish OTR to make it mandatory that all reports in formal courses be submitted in typewritten form since it would work a hardship on some who had not developed proficiency in typing before entering the courses.

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Discussion of Agenda Items:

1. Intermediate Course for OSI on Intelligence Training

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██████████ discussed in brief his proposal for the Intermediate Course for OSI on Intelligence Training and it was agreed that this course had no specific applicability to Clandestine Services employees.

2. Discussion of Training Request Form (green sheet)

Copies of the green sheet were submitted to each member of the committee and several suggestions were made as to its revision. (These suggestions will be incorporated in the revision of this form.)

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3. ██████████ Training

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██████████ was called into the meeting and he gave a ten minute briefing on his recent experience abroad concerning details of training ██████████

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It was agreed that ██████████ and Chief, ██████████ would initially have discussions with the operations officers designated by senior staff training officers, to be followed by a general briefing for the division training officers on the aspects of ██████████ training and through this medium attempt to develop a comprehensive statement of Clandestine Services requirements for the conduct of further ██████████ training in the U.S.

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4. Selection of Students, CPO

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██████████ presented the results of a recent test given students entered in the December CPO course. The results of this test tend to indicate that students who had previously received the final week in Phase I were better qualified for entrance in CPO than those who had not had the prerequisite course of instruction. Considerable discussion took place concerning the construction of the test used, and its validity in delineating those who were prepared for advanced instruction in communism. It was concluded that after subsequent use of this test over a reasonable period of time the test would become a valid screening device. A procedure would then be adopted to pre-test students entering the CPO as a means of determining their suitability for enrollment.

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5. General Cabell's Report of Survey

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██████████ briefly discussed the request of DD/CI for a field survey of those individuals who have recently departed for overseas, with a view to determining adequacy of the training received prior to their departure. He pointed out that the time factor was such that the report expected from the field could not be too conclusive in nature; however, in conducting future surveys of this type an effort will be made to secure a greater period of time to permit field station personnel to do a thorough job in assessing the competence of recent arrivals in terms of the type of training they had received. It was suggested that results of these field surveys would be of particular interest to the A & E Staff, OTR, in connection with their efforts to validate field performance with screening, assessment and evaluation results.

6. Case Officer Proficiency in Typing, Requisite for Overseas

(See opening remarks, paragraph c.)

Minutes for the previous meeting were approved.

It was decided that there would be no meeting during the holiday period. The next meeting was set for Thursday, 7 January 1954.

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